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In re Application of
Kathy K. Wang, Nicholas Nai Guang Dong, and Michael Meehan

Application Number
10/071,667-Conf. #4016 Filed
For POROUS METALLIC SCAFFOLD FOR TISSUE INGROWTH

Art Unit
3733 Examiner
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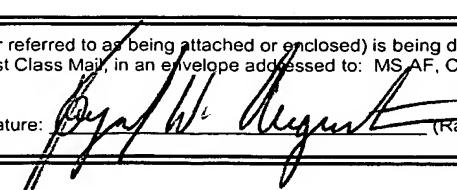
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